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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

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SOUTHERN DIST OHIO
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

: CASE NO.

1:22 CR 089

v.

: JUDGE

DLOTT

: SEALED INDICTMENT

DARRIN JOHNSON,

: 18 U.S.C. § 249(a)(1)

Defendant.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

BACKGROUND

Unless otherwise indicated, at times material to this Indictment:

1. On or about August 17, 2021, Victim-1 was standing on a sidewalk located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Victim-1 is Asian American.
2. **DARRIN JOHNSON**, the defendant, was also on the sidewalk. **JOHNSON** approached Victim-1 while yelling slurs about Victim-1's Asian ethnicity, including blaming Victim-1 for COVID.
3. **JOHNSON** then punched Victim-1 in the face. Victim-1 hit a parked car with his head as he fell. **JOHNSON** continued his attack on Victim-1, who was bleeding on the ground, until bystanders intervened and restrained **JOHNSON**.
4. Victim-1 sustained injuries from the attack, including an orbital contusion, facial lacerations, and acute head injury.

COUNT ONE
(Hate Crime)

On or about August 17, 2021, in the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant, **DARRIN JOHNSON**, willfully caused bodily injury to Victim-1 because of the actual or perceived race of Victim-1; to wit, **JOHNSON** punched and kicked Victim-1 because Victim-1 is Asian, causing injuries including an orbital contusion, facial lacerations, and acute head injury.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 249(a)(1).

A TRUE BILL

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GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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